105 and to be restricted solely to that group. No
171 myth collection taken from any primitive group can hope to be all-inclusive for the mythology of the entire group, and this myth has by accident doubtless been previously overlooked, both by native raconteurs and by ethnologists when they have been engaged in myth taking. The approximate distribution of the myth, when known, will be of interest, and if it is found in only one or two other tribes, with its recording will go the last unclouded claim that could be put forward for the unique character of any trait in Tübatulabal culture.

METHOD OF STUDY

101 The following ethnographic study of the Tübatulabal, a Shoshonean-speaking people of the southern Sierra Nevada foothill region of California (fig. 1), is based on field work done
●[122] near Weldon, Kern county, in the summers of 1931-
115 33 on funds provided in part by the Board of Research of the University of California. My chief

115 informants were Steban Miranda, aged 86 (father 1/2 Tübatulabal, 1/2 Palagewan; mother Tübatulabal) and Frances Philips, 68 (father Tübatulabal, mother Koso). Mrs. Estefana Miranda Salazar, 40 (father Tübatulabal, mother Yokuts), interpreted for her father, and Mrs. Legora Tungate, 45 (father Tübatulabal, mother 1/2 Tübatulabal, 1/2 Koso), for her mother, Mrs. Philips. Other informants and interpreters were Petra Nichols, 89 (father Tübatulabal, mother Palagewan); Mike Miranda, 45, Steban Miranda's son and full brother to Mrs. Salazar; Frank Chico, 30 (father Tübatulabal, mother Koso); Fernando Miranda, 47 (father Mexican, mother Tübatulabal); Rosie Pablo, 45 (father Yokuts, mother Tübatulabal); Susie Williams Nieto, 48 (father Kawaiisu, mother Tübatulabal).